

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that the claims, apart from formal matters, were allowable.

The specification has been amended as to form.

Claim 1 has been cancelled and replaced with new claim 12 drafted to address the formal matters raised by the Official Action.

New claim 11 is also an independent claim which patentably recites the present invention including all of the features indicated by paragraph 7 of the Official Action.

The originally-filed claims were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of the elements.

As noted above, replacement claim 12 has been drafted to correct this stated basis of rejection. Further, new independent claim 11 is believed to be drafted proper as to form taking into account this criticism.

Claim 5 has been amended to correct the stated basis of rejection as to the omitted structural relationships.

Claims 2-4 have been amended to depend from new independent claim 12. Claim 8 was objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claim 1. Claim 8 has been amended to be

in independent form to clarify the differences in recitations. Note that claims 11-12 are directed to the constant force device, whereas claim 8 is directed to a watch movement. Claim 8 is believed to be distinguished from claim 12 in that the recitations are not coincident between the two claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim objection as to claim 8 is solicited.

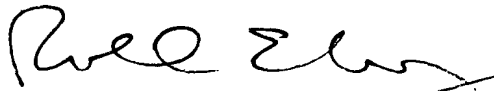
Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Should there be any further formal matters that are discovered, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted so that these can be resolved.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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